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Dear Charlie,

Many thanks for your letter of May 20 advising me of the plans for the Fifth Army Reunion Pilgrimage and asking if you might add my name to the Honorary Committee.

I appreciate the honor implied by your request and regret most sincerely that I must decline membership on the committee. Quite frankly, in this business it is undesirable for me to lend my name to or to participate in any cause regardless of its merit. I am sorry that my answer must be negative but I know that you will understand.

Kind personal regards and all best wishes for the success of the Reunion.

Faithfully,

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